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## REIGN OF TERROR.

Twelve men were killed and seven were severely wounded yesterday by the explosion of an infernal machine at the railroad station in Independence, six miles from Cripple Creek, Col.

A persistent rumor is current in Victor to the effect that Sheriff Bell was shot and killed last night. Sheriff Bell has sworn in 300 deputies. At midnight more than 100 arrests had been made.

A reign of terror, brought on by a dynamiting plot followed by rioting and an assault on the militia, existed in the Cripple-Creek mining region last night. Armed men thronged the streets and conflicts are of hourly occurrence. Militiamen are marching hither and thither, making arrests by the wholesale. A number of union miners have been placed in the military "bull-pen" and others are gathered in at frequent intervals. City and county officers have been compelled to resign because of their reputed sympathy with law-breakers.

As near as could be estimated last night twenty-one persons are dead and a score are injured as a result of the events leading up to the lawless conditions that now prevail. Beginning with yesterday morning, when an infernal machine, set under the station platform at Findley, on the Florence and Cripple Creek Railroad, was touched off and a number of non-union men were killed and others horribly mangled, events followed thick and fast. They culminated in a riot at a mass-meeting, where bullets flew in every direction. At least one man was killed, while several were injured.

Later a company of militia was marching past union headquarters, searching for union miners. The soldiers were fired on, according to reports, from armed men concealed in the hall. The soldiers stormed the building, and from last accounts, shot at least seven unionists. The remainder fled, blood streaming from their wounds. The soldiers who were unhurt pursued and arrested a number of the fleeing men and continued far into the night to scour the country in search of men supposed to have been in the union hall at the time of the assault on the troops. At the headquarters of Adj. Gen. Bell, in Denver, everything is in readiness promptly to meet a call for additional troops in the gold camp.

It is said that the railroads have been instructed to have locomotives and cars ready. However, from the tone of a communication received from Sheriff Bell, the newly appointed officer of Teller county, he will ask for further aid from the military only as a last resort. He intimated that he could control the situation unless a general clash of opposing interests occurred.

Deadly rioting broke out in Victor yesterday afternoon, while a mass-meeting was being held to discuss the murder of twelve non-union miners by means of an infernal machine at Independence. Forty shots were fired into a crowd in the street. R. McGee, of Victor, was shot dead, and at least six persons were injured.

Secretary Clarence A. Hamlin, of the Mine Owners' Association, was making a short address, and in concluding, said: "I want to hear what the boys in the mines have got to say about this trouble," referring to the Independence disaster.

William Hoskins, a union miner from Goldfield, threw up his hand and shouted: "Let me talk." At this the crowd began to hiss Hoskins, and cried: "Put him out!"

A free-for-all fight followed and shooting began. Most of the shots were directed skyward. Hoskins fell with a bullet in the body and the crowd scattered on a wagon, kept talking, unmindful of the storm of bullets that whizzed about his head.

After the first excitement had cleared away somewhat, the injured and dying were gathered up.

R. McGee, of Victor, who was instantly killed, had been standing on an embankment thirty feet above the men who had been fighting, and was an innocent spectator.

Alfred Miller and J. D. Davis were carried to the Victor Hospital. A witness of the shooting said: "I saw them carry away three men, one shot through the head and another shot through the arm."

A pitched battle is looked for at any moment. There are 5,000 men on the streets, and union men are arming themselves. They are thronging the streets, making threats.

Previous to the rioting Sheriff Henry M. Robertson had been summoned to a meeting of the Mine Owners' Association, in Armory Hall, by a committee composed of C. C. Hamlin, secretary of the association; J. S. Murphy, manager of the Findley mine, and L. E. Hill, of the Theresa mine. At this meeting Robertson's resignation was demanded. He yielded to the demand and Edward Bell was appointed by the county commissioners to fill Robertson's term. Robertson was a union miner before he was elected sheriff.

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